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Circular Letter No. 402.

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To Superintendents.

Gentlemen:--

In the exhibition of the Department of Education at Jamestown, I desire to display as far as possible the progress of the pupils of the schools of Porto Rico in acquiring the English language. One very efficient means of so doing, provided the materials have been preserved, would be to show the English of the same pupils at different stages of his or her progress. It is possible that some of the superintendents have in their possession some of the old work of some of their pupils and could secure specimens of present work. Have you anything of this kind in your district?

After the St. Louis Exposition, the cases which were used there were all, or nearly all, sent back to the districts from which the work contained in them had been collected. This material, if preserved, would be very useful.

This matter is of immediate importance and should receive your prompt attention.

Very respectfully,  
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Commissioner of Education